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## STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT

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*Medical Officer of Health :*

A. Hargreaves, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

*Public Health Inspector :*

R. Lusher.

*Assistant Public Health Inspector :*

T. Thwaite.

*Clerk and Assistant :*

R. Birkett.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
KESWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my third annual report as Medical Officer of Health to Keswick Urban District.

My appointment is held jointly with Cockermouth Rural District, Cockermouth Urban District and Cumberland County Councils.

The report is along the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health circular 1/69 and there are no outstanding variations in the statistics from previous years.

The population of Keswick continues to age somewhat alarmingly. The figures quoted below speak for themselves.

	B	(BR)	D	(DR)	Population
1964	61	13.8	85	19.3	4,410
1965	52	12.0	89	24.5	4,316
1966	71	16.2	91	21.0	4,340
1967	68	15.6	73	16.8	4,350
1968	55	12.2	74	16.4	4,510
1964—8	(307)	14.0	(412)	18.8	(21,926)
England & Wales					
1964—8	—	17.6	—	11.5	—

It will be noticed that the birth rate is well below the national average and the death rate well above — indeed, whereas in England and Wales as a whole the birth rates exceeds the death rate by some 6 per 1,000, in Keswick the position is reversed in that the death rate exceeds the birth rate by nearly 5 per 1,000. This is a situation that is full of implications with regard to both the health and welfare services in the future.

We are already in dire straits when trying to provide accommodation for the elderly whether in flats (so called supported independencies) or Homes for the aged, and this situation is bound to get worse unless a substantial building programme is initiated both on the part of the Urban Authority and also the County Authority. The matter is not helped by the seeming impossibility of obtaining a sufficient number of Home Helps to assist elderly people in their own homes.

The second part of this report has been prepared by Mr. Lusher and I would like to record my appreciation of the help which I receive from him at all times.

I would like also to express my thanks for the help given to me by the Clerk, and the friendliness and consideration I have received from members of the Council.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

ANTONY HARGREAVES,

Medical Officer of Health.



## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres) : 1,272.

Registrar-General's estimate of resident population : 4,510 ; mid-1967 — 4,350 ; mid-1966 — 4,340 ; mid-1965 — 4,316 ; mid-1964 — 4,410 ; mid-1963 — 4,600.

Number of inhabited houses : 1,720.

Rateable Value : £207,796.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate : £822.

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### EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

The Tables of Vital Statistics are set out below, showing birth rates, death rates and rates for maternal and infantile mortality.

Crude birth and death rates are corrected by means of an Area Comparability Factor supplied each year by the Registrar General. They allow for varying age and sex distribution of the population in different areas and enable comparisons to be made with figures for other areas.

This year the factor for births is 1.15 and for deaths 0.81.

#### BIRTHS.

##### *Live Births.*

Number : 55.

		Males	Females	Total
Legitimate Births	...	22	24	46
Illegitimate Births	...	4	5	9
		—	—	—
Total	...	26	29	55
		—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	12.2
Adjusted rate	...	...	...	13.5
Illegitimate Live Births				
(per cent. of total live births)	...	...	...	16%

### *Still Births.*

Number : 1.

Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	...	18
Total live and still-births	... ..	56
Infant deaths (deaths under one year)	... ..	0

### Infant Mortality Rates :

Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births	...	0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	... ..	0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	... ..	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rates (Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	...	0
Early Neo-natal Mortality (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	...	0
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still-births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 live and still-births)	... ..	18

### Maternal Mortality (including abortion) :

There were no maternal deaths in 1968.

### DEATHS.

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths (all ages)	38	36	74
Death rate per 1,000 population	...	...	16.4
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population	...	...	14.8

### Total Deaths from certain causes :

Tuberculosis	...	...	0
Other communicable diseases	...	...	0
Cancer (all forms)	...	...	13
Leukaemia	...	...	0
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	1
All other accidents	...	...	2
Suicide	...	...	0

The cancer death rate per 1,000 population was 2.9 (1967—4.6). Approximately one death in six was due to cancer. Senile deaths (deaths occurring over age 65) were 57—77% of all deaths (82% in 1967).



## VITAL STATISTICS

Population of the Urban District is 4,510.

### LIVE BIRTHS—

		Males	Females	Total	Grand Total	Rate per 1,000 pop.	
						uncor- rected	cor- rected
1963	Legitimate	30	26	56			
	Illegitimate	3	4	7	63	13.7	1.53
1964	Legitimate	30	23	53			
	Illegitimate	1	7	8	61	13.8	15.4
1965	Legitimate	27	19	46			
	Illegitimate	3	3	6	52	12.0	13.4
1966	Legitimate	34	27	61			
	Illegitimate	5	5	10	71	16.2	18.3
1967	Legitimate	31	30	61			
	Illegitimate	5	2	7	68	15.6	17.9
1968	Legitimate	22	24	46			
	Illegitimate	4	5	9	55	12.2	13.5

### STILL BIRTHS—

		Males	Females	Total	Total	Total (live & still births)
1963	Legitimate	0	0	0		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	0.0
1964	Legitimate	1	0	1		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	1	16.1
1965	Legitimate	0	0	0		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	0.0
1966	Legitimate	1	0	1		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	1	13.9
1967	Legitimate	0	0	0		
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	0.0
1968	Legitimate	0	0	0		
	Illegitimate	0	1	1	1	18

### DEATHS—

Year	Males	Females	Total	Rate per 1,000 pop. uncorrected	Rate per 1,000 pop. corrected
1963	40	41	81	17.6	14.6
1964	45	40	85	19.3	16.0
1965	52	37	89	20.5	17.0
1966	44	47	91	21.0	17.2
1967	29	44	73	16.8	12.4
1968	38	36	74	16.4	14.8

# MATERNAL MORTALITY :—

Year	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births.
1963	0	—
1964	1	16.4
1965	0	—
1966	0	—
1967	0	—
1968	0	—

# INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES :—

	Deaths of Infants under 1 year	All Infants per 1000 live births	Legitimate Infants per 1000 live Legitimate Births	Illegitimate Infants per 100 live Illegitimate Births
1963	3	48.6	52.6	—
1964	2	32.8	37.7	—
1965	0	—	—	—
1966	4	56.3	56.3	—
1967	2	29.4	16.4	14.20
1968	0	—	—	—

# TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE :—

	Pulmonary T.B. Deaths	Other T.B. Deaths	Total T.B. Deaths	Pulmonary T.B. Death Rate per 1000 pop.	Total T.B. Death Rate per 1000 pop.
1963	0	0	0	—	—
1964	0	0	0	—	—
1965	0	0	0	—	—
1966	0	0	0	—	—
1967	0	0	0	—	—
1968	0	0	0	—	—

TABLE OF COMPARABILITY RATES (Uncorrected) :—

## BIRTH RATE

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
England and Wales	18.2	18.4	18.0	17.7	17.2	16.0
County of Cumberland	17.7	18.4	17.4	16.3	16.3	15.1
Urban Districts of Cumberland	16.8	18.8	18.2	16.8	17.0	15.8
Keswick Urban	13.7	13.8	12.0	16.4	15.6	12.2

## DEATH RATE

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
England and Wales	12.5	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.0
County of Cumberland	12.5	11.8	12.0	12.3	11.2	12.4
Urban Districts of Cumberland	11.7	11.5	12.3	12.2	11.4	12.7
Keswick Urban	17.6	19.3	20.5	21.0	16.8	16.4

## INFANTILE MORTALITY

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
England and Wales	20.9	20.0	19.0	19.0	18.3	18.0
County of Cumberland	22.0	18.3	16.9	21.0	16.9	19.4
Urban Districts of Cumberland	15.0	20.5	11.5	21.7	16.3	16.7
Keswick Urban	48.6	32.8	0.0	56.3	29.4	0.0

# CAUSE OF DEATHS, 1968

Causes of Death.						Males.	Females.
All Causes						29	44
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	0	0
2.	Tuberculosis, Other	...	...	...	...	0	0
3.	Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	0	0
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	0	0
6.	Meningo-coccal Infections	...	...	...	...	0	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	0	0
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	0	0
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	0	0
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	1	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	1	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	0	0
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	0	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	5	3
15.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	0	1
16.	Other endocrine etc. diseases	...	...	...	...	0	1
17.	Cerebrovascular diseases	...	...	...	...	5	9
18.	Ischaemic heart disease	...	...	...	...	13	8
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	0	3
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	2	3
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	1	0
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	0
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	0	1
24.	Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	...	...	...	4	1
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system	...	...	...	...	1	0
26.	Peptic ulcer	...	...	...	...	1	0
27.	Intestinal obstructions and hernia	...	...	...	...	0	1
28.	Other diseases of digestive system	...	...	...	...	1	0
29.	Other diseases genitourinary system	...	...	...	...	2	0
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	0	0
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	0	0
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	0	2
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	0	1
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	0	0
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	0	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	0	0



## DEATHS FROM CANCER

Site of Cancer.				Males	Females	Totals
Rectum	...	...	...	1	0	1
Colon	...	...	...	0	1	1
Caecum	...	...	...	0	1	1
Stomach	...	...	...	1	1	2
Oesophagus	...	...	...	1	0	1
Ovary	...	...	...	0	1	1
Uterus	...	...	...	0	1	1
Breast	...	...	...	0	0	0
Lung and Bronchus	...	...	...	1	1	2
Trostatle	...	...	...	1	0	1
Other	...	...	...	2	0	2
				—	—	—
				7	6	13
				—	—	—

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## CASES ON THE TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

				Males	Females	Totals
Pulmonary	...	...	...	14	5	19
Non Pulmonary	...	...	...	1	5	6
				—	—	—
Totals	...	...	...	15	10	25
				—	—	—

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## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

### (a) STAFF

The appointment of Dr. A. Hargreaves as Medical Officer of Health for the area commenced on the 1st September, 1966.

### (b) LABORATORY SERVICES

All microbiological work is carried out in the Carlisle Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service. I am most grateful to Dr. D. G. Davies, the Director of the Laboratory, for his help during the year.

### (c) LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

Medical services provided under Part III of the National Health Service Act, and Welfare Services provided under the National Assistance Act are the responsibility of the Cumberland County Council. Information about these services, including the provision of Home Helps, Immunisation Services, Accommodation for the Physically Handicapped, assistance for the Unmarried Mother, assistance and advice in connection with Family Planning. Accommodation for the Aged, may be obtained from the Area Health Office, Stoneleigh, Park End Road, Workington.

Home Nursing and Maternity Services are now an integral part of the Family Doctor Service, together with the Health Visiting Service, and enquiries should accordingly be addressed to the Family Practitioner.

The local clinic is at Bank Street, Keswick. The times, places and services are as follows :—

Child Welfare	. . .	Thursday 2 p.m.
School Clinic	. . .	By appointment
Dental Clinic	. . .	By appointment
Speech Therapy	. . .	By appointment

The services include specialist advice on the assessment and correction of vision and hearing defects.

A scheme for the screening of women for prevention of cancer of the neck of the womb is in operation — by appointment.

Immunisation procedures are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic and at schools by arrangement, including B.C.G. vaccination.

### (d) NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS

No enforcement action was taken during the year to secure proper care and attention for the elderly and chronic sick.

# PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

No case of Infectious Disease was notified in 1968.

## VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

### SMALLPOX

Age when vaccinated or re-vaccinated	Number Vaccinated	Number Re-vaccinated
Under 1 yr.	—	—
1 yr. — 23 mths.	13	—
2 — 4 yrs.	2	—
5 — 14 yrs.	2	2
	<hr/> 17	<hr/> 2
15 or over	—	—

Statistics relating to smallpox vaccination complications have shown that the safest age at which to perform this process is between one and two years of age.

### DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS/WHOOPING COUGH

The figures in the table show the number of triple antigen immunisations performed during the year, both primary courses and booster doses.

In all, 33 children completed a primary course and 151 had booster doses.

Children, over five years do not receive the whooping cough component.

### POLIOMYELITIS

47 people received a primary course of oral vaccine in 1968, 24 of which were children under the age of five.

### MEASLES

52 children received measles vaccinations in 1968. Vaccination consisted of one dose of living athenuated virus by injection.

### B.C.G. TUBERCULOSIS

Mantoux Testing and B.C.G. vaccination was continued in 1968, the age groups concerned being those born in 1955 plus a few older ones not previously tested.

Of children attending schools in Keswick who were tested 10 proved to be positive reactors.

116 negative reactors were given B.C.G. vaccinations.

# DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION UNDERTAKEN DURING 1968

Year of Birth	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	T.
Primary	5	15	0	0	0	3	3	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	33
Booster	0	10	14	4	0	12	26	32	2	7	21	19	4	0	151

# POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION UNDERTAKEN DURING 1968

Year of Birth	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	T.
Primary	2	20	2	0	0	5	4	4	1	1	2	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	47
Booster	--	--	1	--	--	14	23	26	4	10	10	4	3	--	--	--	--	--	95

# MANTOUX TESTING AND B.C.G. VACCINATION

Children born 1955 and a few older ones.

No. Eligible for Tests	No. Mantoux Tested	Positive	Negative	No. given B.C.G. Vaccination
134	127	10	117	116



## KESWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
KESWICK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration my 18th Annual Report on Public Health work carried out in my Department, during the year ended 31st December, 1968.

I would like to record my appreciation of the co-operation which I have received from my colleagues on the staff of the Council and to Members of the Council I would offer my thanks for their consideration and support.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your Obedient Servant,

RALPH LUSHER,  
Public Health Inspector & Surveyor to the Council.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### WATER SUPPLY

The supply from the ghylls was ample at all times and no difficulty was experienced in maintaining supplies.

During the year work was completed on the scheme being undertaken jointly with the West Cumberland Water Board for the improvement of supplies in Keswick and adjoining parishes.

In addition to the Contracts detailed in my Report for 1966, a Contract was entered into with Messrs. Border Engineering Contractors Ltd., for the laying of a 6" main in Tithebarn Street, Heads Road, Lake Road, Borrowdale Road and Station Street. The work was carried out in the Spring and this, together with the work done on the main Contracts, has resulted in a big improvement in water pressure, particularly during the height of the summer season.

As I reported last year, the Council have voluntarily agreed to amalgamation with the West Cumberland Water Board with effect from the 1st April, 1969. The necessary Order putting this decision into effect has now been made.

All houses in the district have a water supply inside the house.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The County Engineer continued his investigation into a scheme to relieve certain sewers which are surcharged with storm water during periods of heavy rain.

The sewers generally in the district are adequate and give very little trouble.

### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The new public conveniences at Banks Court which were completed in 1966 continued in service. There are four public conveniences in this small district and as far as possible they are maintained to a good standard. Vandalism and misuse takes place occasionally. It has proved impossible to maintain the electric hand dryer in the gents side of the new toilets at Banks Court. This dryer was broken on many occasions and finally it was smashed up beyond repair. Towel machines in other toilets are also a target for vandals and have to be renewed frequently.

### SCAVENGING AND REMOVAL OF REFUSE

The Council have a Shelvoke & Drewry Refuse Collector which is employed full time on refuse collection. In addition we have two Karrier lorries, one of which has been replaced by a new carrier Bantam Dual Tip Refuse Collector. This vehicle is used for the collection of salvage and refuse. The remaining lorry is used on general work.



The Council continued with the use of paper refuse sacks on the Latrigg Close Estate and this system is working well. The Council are now experimenting with the use of bin liners on the Windebrowe Avenue Estate. We have tried both paper and plastic liners and without exception the plastic liner is preferred. The Council decided to try this system mainly on the grounds of cost as it obviates the need to provide sack holders.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping and a full time attendant is in charge of the refuse tip.

The Bristol Taurus bulldozer contributes greatly to the more efficient disposal of the refuse and enables the soil covering to be more adequately maintained.

Very few complaints are received and this service is generally satisfactory.

The salvage collection service runs at a loss and consequently a good deal of material which could be salvaged is disposed of on the refuse tip.

In 1955 the Council received £8 per ton for mixed paper. In 1964 the price dropped to £6 and it now stands at £7-10s. a ton. During this time costs have continued to rise and unless the price received for the waste paper can be related more directly to costs of collection it is clear that collections will have to be curtailed.

The salvage of paper and cardboard was continued during the year and comparative figures of sales in the past five years are as follows :—

1964	—	133 tons sold for £807.
1965	—	147 tons sold for £1,029.
1966	—	118 tons sold for £825.
1967	—	100 tons sold for £702.
1968	—	107 tons sold for £783.

The price paid for paper was increased from £7 to £7-10-0d. per ton on the 1st May, 1968.

## STREET CLEANING

In order to try and improve the standard of street cleaning, the Council have purchased a small mechanical road sweeper.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Summary of inspections during the year :—

Premises inspected during the year	...	...	...	...	176
Nuisances or defects discovered	...	...	...	...	36
do. do. remedied after informal action	...	...	...	...	24
do. do. remedied after statutory notice	...	...	...	...	0
Housing Inspections under Public Health or Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	240

A total of 46 factories are entered in the Factories Register, 4 inspections were made of these premises during the year.

## THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a report of the work done in connection with this Act during the year :—

On 31st December, 1968, 145 premises were registered, 12 of these registered for the first time. General Inspections totalled 64 and total inspections were 94 in number, 48 of these were concentrated on catering and food establishments.

509 persons are at present employed in the following places :

	Men	Women	Total
Offices	60	51	111
Shops	189	90	279
Wholesale & Warehouse Depts.	—	1	1
Catering Establishments	92	26	118
	<hr/> 341	<hr/> 168	<hr/> 509

The holiday season in Keswick creates a demand for additional temporary staff in business premises to cope with the inflow of visitors to the town and district. Students and to some extent foreign nationals are employed, especially in catering establishments, this factor makes the assessment of numbers employed difficult and figures given reflect the holiday season average.

It is noticable that many owners are bringing into use by modernisation, living accommodation above their premises which has hitherto been abandoned or used for storage.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employees undertake treatment as recommended. The sewers were treated several times during the year. Treatments were also carried out at 6 private houses.

The refuse tip is sited very close to the Council's Derwentwater Caravan and Camping Sites and pest control is therefore very important in this area. The Council engaged Messrs. Rentokil Laboratories Ltd. with a Contract to deal with rats and flies and these pests were kept well under control during the year.

## CARAVAN SITE

The Council's Derwentwater Caravan Site continued to operate successfully.

No extensions were carried out during the year but plans have been prepared for a further extension which will provide sites for an additional 43 caravans. This extension will include the erection of another toilet block and the total estimated cost is £7,000. When this work is completed there will be space for 203 caravans.

At the end of this season the Council gave consideration to the charges being made and decided to raise the seasonal charge by



£15 and the daily charge by 2/6d. during the months of July and August. The surcharge for sub-letting caravans is to be raised by £10. These changes will result in the following charges being made for the coming season :—

Charge per season for caravans up to 22' in length	...	£40
Charge per season for caravans exceeding 22' in length	...	£45
Sub-letting surcharge	... ..	£25
Charge per calendar month	... ..	£10
Charge per week	... ..	£3
Charge per day (except July and August)	... ..	10/0d.
Charge per day during July and August	... ..	12/6d.

These charges compare very favourably with those on other sites in the Lake District.

## CAMPING SITE

The Derwentwater Camping Site continued in operation. Despite the measures taken last year to improve the working of the site, many complaints were received.

In June the Council gave consideration to the future running of the Camping Site and decided to approach the Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland Ltd., to see if they would be interested in leasing the site from the Council. As a result of this approach, negotiations were opened and in December a Draft Agreement was approved. This Agreement will operate for three years and the Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland Ltd. will appoint the Warden, run the site and pay all maintenance costs, rates and loan charges. The Council will receive 90% of any profit which the Camping Club makes. This Agreement will operate from the beginning of the 1969 season.

## HOUSING

8 private houses were built during the year.

### DERWENT CLOSE

These 20 aged persons flatlets continued to serve a very useful purpose.

The approximate average age of the tenants on the ground floor is 80 years and on the first floor 78 years.

### MILLFIELD GARDENS

As I reported last year, the Council have entered into a Contract for the building of 55 three-bedroom houses on this site at a cost of £218,519. The Contractor stated that the work would take 15 months but at the moment the job is behind schedule and no houses are ready for occupation.

The 60" diameter surface water drain referred to in last year's report has been completed and this has completely eliminated the risk of flooding in this area.

## HOUSING — LIMEPOTS ROAD

The Council have been giving consideration to future housing development and they have purchased some land at Limepots Road. It is hoped to build about 30 flats on this site for middle and aged persons. Mr. R. Clementson, R.I.B.A., who designed the Millfield Gardens houses, has been appointed to prepare a scheme for this site.

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

10 applications were received for Improvement Grants and grants were made in all cases. All the applications were in respect of owner occupied premises.

This is a decrease of 5 applications over last year's figure.

## RENT ACT, 1957.

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair and no action was taken by the Council under this Act.

## MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE

Work was started during the year on the inspection of all the hotels, restaurants and boarding houses in the district in connection with the provision of adequate means of escape in case of fire as required by Section 60 of the Public Health Act, 1936. These inspections are being carried out jointly with the Fire Prevention Officer of the County Fire Service. Reports were submitted to a number of hotel owners detailing work required in order to bring the premises up to the required standard.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### MILK AND DAIRIES

50 milk samples were submitted to the analyst.

Under a local arrangement made in this County, the inspection work is still being carried out by the local Public Health Inspectors and 50 such inspections were made during the year.

### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no slaughter houses in the Urban District, all meat is transported from abattoirs outside the district.

The following is a brief summary of food stuffs for which certificates of unsoundness were issued by the Public Health Inspector.

88 lbs. Cooked Meat, and 607 tins of various foods. These food stuffs were removed by the refuse collectors and buried at the refuse tip.

BAKEHOUSES. There are five in existence. As usual all these premises were periodically inspected.

ICE CREAM.	Registered premises for manufacture or sale	...	31
	Registered premises for sale only	... ..	29

FOOD (Preparation and Manufacture) Premises.			
	Registered premises for the preparation & manufacture of foods		11

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The work of inspection of food premises continued during the year.











